

How Can the People Decide Which Medicine is Best?



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One of my readers writes me in part as follows. He says:

"I like your idea as expressed in your last article as to how we may become sure we are right in matters of religion and medicine. Experience is our only guide. Now, as to the best way of getting this experience, you did not give any definite instruction. Take my case

for instance. I am a man of family. And while we try to live properly, yet we are subject to disease and derangement like other people. Occasionally we have to use drugs. What would you advise?"

My reply, in part, was as follows:

Let us suppose it was a cough, or a common cold, or a hoarseness, or a pain in the chest, or a twinge of rheumatism, or a stoppage of the nose and discharge from the throat, indicating catarrh.

What you are after is, first to cure yourself of your trouble; and, second, to gain experience so that you may cure yourself next time, if you or any member of your family should be so afflicted.

If you go to the drug store you buy Peruna. It cures you then you know what to get next time. If it does not cure you and it proves to be worthless, you know what to avoid.

In taking advertised medicines that have a definite name you are gradually learning to distinguish between those remedies that help and those that do not.

If a neighbor in whom I have confidence should tell me that they have purchased a bottle of some advertised medicine that helped them, I should feel perfectly free to give the medicine a trial. And if I found that the advertised medicine cured me I should not hesitate to tell my neighbors about it. I should not hesitate to have my name published, either, as testifying to the merits of such a medicine. Nothing short of this would be justice. Nothing less than this would be honest.

The prejudice against advertised medicines may have had some foundation in the past. But up to date I

can conscientiously say that there are just as good medicines in the drug store, compounded in a pharmacy, advertised for sale to the people, just as good medicines of the kind as the medicines that the doctors prescribe.

All our best remedies have been first found by common experience. The testimony of one person and another has spread the news and finally its use has become general.

This is exactly the way Peruna has spread among the people. It has not been advertised that has sold Peruna. Sometimes advertising sells the first bottle to a person, but afterwards it must be the merits of Peruna that sell it.

One person takes Peruna and is cured of a cough, or cold, or catarrh, lung disease or kidney disease, or stomach disease. Some one of these derangements which perhaps the doctors have failed to cure, Peruna relieves. He tells his neighbor about it. His neighbor tries it for the same purpose and is cured also. He again tells it, and so the news is spread.

Yes, I mean to put myself on record as saying it is from the experience of the common people that we must expect to sift out the genuine remedy from the many spurious ones claiming attention.

As a doctor myself, who has spent many years in the study and practice of medicine, I say and shall say again many times that Peruna is the best medicine I know of to meet the common, every day climatic ailments to which the household is subject. And if I were keeping house as you are, trying to keep the family in good health, I should certainly keep a bottle of Peruna in the house all the time. No. 53.—Adv.

ED BRIDGE CASE THE GAS PETITION ARE YOUR KIDNEYS WEAK?

Mitchell County Tax Payers Do Not Like Compromise. Attorney General's Plea Filed With Judge Pollock.

Commissioners Settled \$23,000 Claim for \$6,000.

Cawker City, Kan., Feb. 18.—In response to requests, the Cawker township committee taxpayers who have been prosecuting the "bridge case" in this county today sent 50 copies of the pamphlet they used last spring in their campaign of education, to members of the legislature. It was Mitchell county which recently recovered \$23,000 from the Midland Bridge company in settlement of claims against the company of about \$25,000 for false measurements and poor workmanship on bridges.

This settlement was made by the county commissioners, and that it has not proven very popular is shown by the fact that meetings have been held during the last week and committees appointed from Walnut, Haynes and Center townships, to co-operate with the Cawker township committee which has been pushing the investigation into the nature of quo warrants against the Independence Gas company and the Consolidated Gas, Oil and Manufacturing company, and the Kansas Natural Gas company, charging these companies with abuse of their corporate privileges and with having contrived and engaged in an illegal combination in restraint of trade in violation of the anti-trust laws of the state of Kansas and of the national anti-trust laws. How the defendants filed demurrers on February 12, 1912, which were overruled by the court, and how later the general demurrer to all the allegations of the petition were filed by each of the defendants and how Judge Flenally after careful consideration of the case February 15 held that evidence introduced sustained all the material allegations of the plaintiffs petition, declared the Kansas Natural Gas company an illegal combination in restraint of trade and appointed two of the petitioners, John N. Landon and R. S. Litchfield, as receivers.

"These receivers now appear before this honorable court," says the petition "in obedience to the order of the district court of Montgomery county, Kansas, which is in part as follows:—"

The relationship of these companies to the public is such that a complete judgment of dissolution and ouster would punish the public rather than the offending companies. A dissolution of the Consolidated Gas, Oil and Manufacturing company is not advisable nor is the complete ouster of the Kansas Natural Gas company advisable, so that the court will take charge of all the gas business for the Consolidated company and all the business of the Kansas Natural Gas company, by its receivers, and manage the corporation property and business protecting all gas consumers and the public until the abuses are fully corrected.

And here is presented a question of conflicting jurisdiction. It is brought to the attention of this court in the argument on Feb. 13, 1913, that receivers have been appointed for all the property of the Kansas Natural Gas company in the federal court for the district of Kansas and that such receivers are now in charge.

This court cannot enjoin the receivers of the federal court or render any effective judgments because the Kansas Natural Gas company is not in the possession of the property—in a word, this court is powerless to execute its decrees hereon. The receivers herein appointed will be directed to conduct with the attorney general of the state to appear in the federal court, urge the prior jurisdiction of this court and the right of the state of Kansas to have the receivers appointed in charge of the receivers appointed at the instance of the bondholders and pray a delivery of the property to the receivers appointed by this court.

In obedience to the order of the Montgomery county district court as above, and having disclosed this court facts and circumstances which made known to this court at the time of the application for the appointment of the receivers in this cause, and have caused this court to refuse such application and which demonstrates the prior jurisdiction of the district court of Montgomery county, Kansas, and the present right of said last named court to alone exercise dominion over the properties referred to, these petitioners respectfully show that the state of Kansas is without adequate power to enforce its laws and vindicate its offended authority, and that the court of Montgomery county is powerless to enforce its judgment because the property of the Kansas Natural Gas company is now in the hands of the receivers appointed and these petitioners respectfully petition the court to have the receivers of this court and pray a delivery of the property of the Kansas Natural Gas company to the receivers of the Montgomery county, Kansas, district court.

Judge Pollock set next Monday for arguments.

WIDOW WANTS HALF HIS ESTATE.
Banker Gave Most of Property to Son Before Death.

Burr Oak, Kan., Feb. 18.—When M. C. Berkley, the banker, died he left property valued at several hundred thousand dollars. To his son Robert by first marriage, he gave before death the bulk of the property. Now before the death by a subsequent marriage has filed a suit, claiming the widow's one-half under Kansas law.

It is claimed there is an inheritance point in favor of the son that caused the elder Berkley to thus dispose of the property. The case comes up in the March term of the district court.

ELYRIA TO HAVE A BANK.
New Institution Will Have Capital of \$100,000.

Kansas City, Feb. 18.—W. C. Calt-house of McPherson, Kan., while here on the opening of the Elyria State bank at Elyria, Kan. The town, eight miles south of McPherson on the Missouri Pacific railroad, never has had a bank.

B. Harms, now cashier of the Swedish-German State bank at McPherson, is to be president and Mr. Calt-house cashier of the new institution. The latter will have the active management of the bank. It will be opened with a capital stock of \$100,000 and a surplus of \$25,000.

Back to the Dull Town.
Kansas City, Feb. 18.—Emma Stout, 15 years old, who left her home in Elyria, Kan., and came to Kansas City in search of a position, is at the Detention house waiting for an answer to her letter, and take her back to her parents. She decided life was too dull in the Kansas town. She was detained by the police who met her at the union station after receiving a message from her parents.

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THREE NEW MEN.

McLeary, Forsythe and Rapps Are First Basemen.

Bert King Traded to Birmingham for Forsythe.

Rube Gardner's place at the initial station has been filled. The holes in the outfield also are filled. Bert King has been traded to Birmingham, Ala., of the Southern League for First Baseman Forsythe. Forsythe also is an outfielder. He was with Dallas in the Texas League in 1912 and hit for .290. Only one man batted above him. This deal has been under way for several weeks.

President Archie Catlin and Dale Gear also have succeeded in securing the release of McLarry from the Austin club. He is a first baseman and outfielder. He went to the White Sox last season but finished the season with Lincoln and batted .361 in twenty games. He batted .294 during the season in the Texas League. The White Sox failed to take advantage of the deal at the proper time and he re-verted back to Austin.

Bill Rapps, who was with Portland last year is the third man to be secured for the initial station. He hit .244 last season. The fourth is an infielder and first baseman who hit .275 in the Texas League last season. It is planned for Bill Rapps to fill the outfield with Lee of last year's team. The other man being playing captain. Rapps will be playing captain. The one dependable man with the Kaw team has been traded. The star has gone. It is to be hoped a good man has been secured in his place. The fans will miss the reliable Bert King. He was the one light in last year's darkness. Rube Gardner was the other. Now both are gone.

BASEBALL FOR C. OF E.
Ten Games Already Signed and More Sought.

Emporia, Kan., Feb. 18.—Manager Roy Frazer of the College of Emporia baseball team, has announced ten dates for games, and has six more under consideration. The season will open April 7, when Friends university will come to Emporia. Kansas university will open its season the same week on College field. Two games will be played with the State Normal in Emporia, and a return game will be played with Kansas university, Ottawa, Baker, Friends, Southwestern, St. Marys and Fairmount will be on the college contest list this year.

At a meeting of the athletic board Sam Aitken, who has held the backstop position for several years, was elected temporary captain of the team. Aitken will captain the Presbyterians until the regular spring election, which will be held soon after the first game is played.

MIKE CONNORS IS DEAD.
Thirty Years Ago He Was Star Twister at Philadelphia.

San Francisco, Feb. 18.—Michael J. Connors, famous ball player 30 years ago and star pitcher on the Philadelphia team of the old American Association, died at Niles, Cal., yesterday. He went to that town from the east 12 years ago.

Cubs Reach Tampa.
Tampa, Fla., Feb. 18.—With President Charles Murphy along, the Chicago National League baseball club, 36

strong, reached here late Monday for a 30 days training season. Summer like weather prevails and the Cubs will start active work at once. The first exhibition game of a series of eleven will be played next Monday with the Havana, Cuba, team.

BAKER BASEBALL SCHEDULE.
Indoor Practice for Methodists Will Begin Soon.

Baldwin, Kan., Feb. 18.—Baker university this coming season will play five ball games at home and seven away. Managers Chester Verno of Washington, Kan., and Coach Scherer have been busy the past month on the schedule, with the result that ten games already contracted, with a probability of two more.

Indoor work will begin at once and the practice will take the field as soon as the weather permits. Several "B" men are batted above him. This deal has been under way for several weeks.

The schedule:
College of Emporia, at Baldwin, April 13.
Southwestern college at Baldwin, April 24.
Kansas State Normal, at Baldwin, April 26.
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Kansas State Normal, at Emporia, April 29.
Fairmount college, at Baldwin, May 7.
Friends university, at Wichita, May 19.
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Southwestern college, at Winfield, May 21.
The other two games yet to schedule will probably be with Haskell and William Jewell or Washburn and Midland.

SIX EBBETTS HOLDOUTS.
"Smiling Charles" Expects Them in by March 2.

New York, Feb. 18.—Charles H. Ebbetts, president of the Brooklyn National League club, who is busy conducting his new hotel in the city, has rounded up all but six of the thirty-one players to whom he offered contracts for 1913. The only men who have not signed are "Baron" Knetzer, the spit ball pitcher; Otto Miller, the principal catcher; Charles Stangel, the Montgomery recruit who served in centerfield at the tail end of last season; Leo Callaghan, the outfield recruit from the Elmira, N. Y., club; and the catcher, who is the right hand pitcher procured from the New Orleans club, and "Benny" Meyers, who was an outfielder for Toronto last season.

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"I'll go to prison, judge," was the reply. "One year at Fort Madison," was the answer from the bench.

Why Women Have Nerves

The "blues"—anxiety—sleeplessness—and warnings of pain and distress are sent by the nerves like flying messengers throughout body and limbs. Such feelings may or may not be accompanied by backache or headache or bearing down. The local disorders and inflammation, if there is any, should be treated with Dr. Pierce's Lotion Tablets. Then the nervous system and the entire womanly make-up feels the tonic effect of

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BABES ARE DEADLY

Seventy-Five Lance Head Snakes Born in Zoo.

Venom Will Be Used to Treat Insane Persons.

New York, Feb. 18.—Seventy-five baby snakes of the species known as lance-heads—born in the Bronx zoo yesterday—are gladly welcomed at the hospital where they are the most deadly reptile known. Since discovery that the venom of the lance-head had been marvellously beneficial in treating insanity and other brain troubles when scientifically used, efforts have been made to breed the reptiles here. The success now attained is the result of several years' work, during which many of the reptiles have been taken in the island of Trinidad at the peril of many naturalists, only to die soon after being brought here.

Experts will extract the virulent venom from the seventy-five lance-heads, as soon as they are a few months old. The method is to pin the down with a forked stick and hold before it a glass topped with cheese cloth. The snake furiously buries his fangs in the cloth and purts the venom into the glass receiver. About a pound of venom was said at the zoo, "would kill the whole Mexican army."

THEY HAD NO TOBACCO

Scott's Party Smoked Teak Wood From Amundsen's Ship.

London, Feb. 18.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Christ Church, N. Z., writes today that the expedition of Captain Scott's expedition bitterly resented the suggestion that Dog Driver De-Metric and Cherry Gardner were making the first relief journey toward the south, could have done any more than they did to save Scott and his comrades who died in centerfield at the tail end of last season; Leo Callaghan, the outfield recruit from the Elmira, N. Y., club; and the catcher, who is the right hand pitcher procured from the New Orleans club, and "Benny" Meyers, who was an outfielder for Toronto last season.

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ARE YOUR KIDNEYS WEAK?

Thousands of Men and Women Have Kidney Trouble and Never Suspect It.

Nature warns you when the track of health is not clear. Kidney and bladder troubles compel you to pass water often during the day and get up many times during the night.

Unhealthy kidneys cause lumbago, rheumatism, catarrh of the bladder, pain or dull ache in the back, joints or muscles, at times have headache or indigestion, as time passes you may have a sallow complexion, puffy or dark circles under the eyes, sometimes feel as though you had heart trouble, may have plenty of ambition but no strength, get weak and lose flesh.

If such conditions are permitted to continue, serious results are sure to follow. Bright's disease, the very worst form of kidney trouble, may steal upon you.

Prevalency of Kidney Disease.
Most people do not realize the alarming increase and remarkable prevalence of kidney disease. While kidney disorders are the most common diseases that prevail, they are almost the last recognized by patient and physicians, who usually content themselves with doctoring the effects, while the original disease constantly undermines the system.

If you feel that your kidneys are the cause of your sickness or run down condition, begin taking Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy, because as soon as your kidneys improve, they will help the other organs to health.

If you are already convinced that Swamp-Root is what you need, you can purchase the regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles at all drug stores. Don't make any mistake but remember the name, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., which you will find on every bottle.

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